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can bring forward a resolution before this House, does not stand to reason; and unless we are speaking on a theoretical basis, I submit there can be no subject justifying an adjournment motion of this kind. I presume that we have got to prove a *prima facie* case; and in this case I submit in all humility we have attempted to satisfy you, Mr. President, that there is a *prima facie* case for urgent action on the part of the Government to make reparation in the South Kanara district or to punish the culprits and to prevent a recurrence of such action in other districts. I therefore submit that the motion may be allowed, rather than accept the view of the Advocate-General, that the Government need not take any action in the matter now, pending the possible disposal of a possible resolution at some possible future sitting of the Council."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"It was said by the hon. Member, Mr. Karant that collections have already been made. Of course he also said in the course of his speech that collections were still being made some four or five days back, but it does not appear in the motion which is presented to me. Though I am quite reluctant to give a general ruling that motions of this kind are not urgent, I think that in this particular case there is no urgency and therefore I cannot allow this motion."

* Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Under Standing Order 20, I wish to move for the adjournment of the House. . . ."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Has the hon. Member obtained my consent to move his motion? I would construe that obtaining the consent of the President means obtaining his consent before he takes the Chair."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"I will move it to-morrow." (Laughter.)

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"No such notice need be given."

IV

ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

The hon. the President announced that the undermentioned Act which was passed by the Council received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on the date noted against it :—

The Madras Local Authorities Entertainments Tax Act, 1926.	30th June 1926.

V

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

(1)

The Secretary laid on the table a statement [a] of resolutions passed by the Madras Legislative Council during the last session and the action taken thereon by the Government.

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[a] Printed and circulated separately.

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(2)

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the following Government Orders :--

(1) G.O. No. 2157, [a] Law (General), dated 4th July 1925, passing orders on the recommendations of the Jail Industries Committee.

(2) G.O. No. 1138, [b] Development, dated 26th July 1927, passing orders on the audit report of the amended accounts of the Nilambur Valley Forests up to 31st March 1925.

(3) G.O. No. 1139, [b] Development, dated 26th July 1927, recording the audit report of the Nilambur Forests for 1925-26.

(4) G.O. No. 1329, [c] Development, dated 26th August 1927, issuing rules under sections 19 (*a*), 19 (*b*), (7) and (13) of the State Aid to Industries Act.

(3)

The Secretary laid on the table copies [d] of the first, second and third meetings of the Finance Committee for 1927-28 held on 19th, 22nd and 24th August 1927, respectively.

VI

DEMAND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1927-28.

Grant II.

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Does the hon. Member, the Leader of the Opposition, propose to move his motion before the demand for supplementary grant is moved or after it is moved ? "

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI : —" After the demand is moved."

* The hon. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I do not propose to move that grant [e] now."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" I am rather surprised, Sir. With your permission, I desire to make mention of one or two things in connexion with the withdrawal of this demand."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I do not think that the withdrawal of a motion can be made the subject of a debate."

* Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—" The thing has once been debated upon and I am surprised that the Minister must have thought fit to withdraw his motion."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I hope the hon. the Leader of the Opposition will take some other opportunity to express his surprise."

The motion was deemed to have been withdrawn.

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a Printed and circulated separately.
b Placed on the Editors' Table.
c Published in *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated August 1927.
d Printed separately.

e On the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor the following demand for supplementary grant will be moved :—

GRANT II .. .. .. The hon. M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR Avargal will move that the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 7,300 under " Grant II—Excise department — Transferred " for strengthening the supervising staff of the Excise department.